

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title of the Invention and before line 1, insert the following new heading and paragraph:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional application of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/045,490 filed January 11, 2002 and claiming a priority date of January 11, 2004.--

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

In the thus-arranged bush cutting machine, for adjusting the rotational speed of the rotary cutter using the throttle lever, an operator is required to perform respective operations of the throttle lever and the brake lever in a well-timed fashion during a bush cutting operation, for example, by operating the throttle lever in such a manner as to gradually increase the rotational speed of the rotary cutter while gripping the brake lever to gradually release the brakes from the rotary cutter, thus requiring the operator to have a skill in operating the levers. Further, since the operator needs not only to perform a lever operation with his hand but also to maintain an attitude of the bush cutting

machine during work, the levers must be desirably operated in a possible simplest way with a view to improve workability and minimize operator's fatigue.

Please amend paragraph [0050] as follows:

The centrifugal clutch 51 includes a weight 21b fixed to the output shaft 21a of the engine 21, and a cup shaped drum 63 with which the weight 21b, swinging due to a centrifugal force exerted when the output shaft 21a exceeds a given rotational speed, is brought into ~~engagement.~~
engagement. Mounted to a bottom portion of the drum 63 is an end of the transmission shaft 23. The brake unit 65 compels the brake shoe 61 to be urged against an outer periphery 63a of the drum 63 to apply a brake to the rotation of the drum 63 for thereby braking the rotations of the transmission shaft 23 and the cutter blade 22 shown in FIG. 1. The clutch case 52 also serves as a cover for concealing the brake unit 65. The end of the transmission shaft 23 is rotatably supported with the clutch case 52 via a bearing 67, and the other end of the transmission shaft 23 is rotatably supported in the gear case 26 of FIG. 1.